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### CANADIANS MUST STAND TOGETHER

**OTTAWA – September 17, 2001** – The Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Human Rights Commission called upon all Canadians to stand together in the aftermath of terrorist attacks in the United States six days ago.

"Canadians are understandably shocked and horrified at the tragedy that befell their neighbours to the south last week," said Michelle Falardeau-Ramsay. "But I am pleading with them not to direct any anger they feel at innocent people. We cannot allow this tragedy to undermine the spirit of generosity and openness that characterize us as Canadians."

The Chief Commissioner's remarks came in response to a number of racist incidents that have been reported across Canada in the days following the recent attacks in the United States.

"Canada has long been proud to call itself a multicultural country; I call upon fellow citizens to discourage intolerant behaviour wherever and whenever they witness it," she concluded.

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